

RAMP METERING NEWSLETTER

WHAT	Ramp metering signal lights at the on-ramps merging onto US Highway 101 between Hillsdale and University will be turned on. This will include on-ramps at Hillsdale, Ralston, Holly, Brittan, Whipple, Woodside, Marsh, Willow (see note below for Willow), and University.
WHEN	<p>Beginning January 30, 2007, the southbound direction metering lights will be turned on.</p> <p>Beginning February 27, 2007, the northbound direction metering lights will be turned on.</p>
	<p>Hours of ramp metering operation (Generally):</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Morning: from 6:00 am to 10:00 am</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Afternoon: from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm</p>
WHY	Ramp metering is a traffic management tool to help smooth out the merging of traffic onto the freeway mainline, thereby reducing the conflict at the freeway merging areas and reduce the probability of traffic break down during peak commute hours to improve traffic flow along the freeway mainline.
WHO	<p>The following agencies have worked cooperatively to develop the ramp metering program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C/CAG (City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County) • Caltrans District 4 (California Department of Transportation) • SMCTA (San Mateo County Transportation Authority) • All cities in San Mateo County • County of San Mateo • MTC (Metropolitan Transportation Commission)
HOW	Signals will be set to cycle from red/green during peak commute hours. Vehicles will be allowed to enter the freeway one at a time at every green cycle. The green/red cycle times have been programmed to minimize queuing.
WHAT'S IN THE FUTURE	In the future, after equipment is installed, on-ramp signals will be turned on along US 101 between 3 rd Avenue and the San Francisco County Line, as well as for Interstate 280 between Sneath Lane and the San Francisco County Line.
* NOTE FOR WILLOW ON-RAMPS	* For the on-ramps at the Willow Road/US 101 interchange, signals will not be turned on until Spring 2007 because a project to install the metering equipment won't be completed until then.
FOR YOU	<p>Ramp Metering Hotline: (510) 286-4531</p> <p>Please expect a little waiting time at the freeway on-ramps but it will bring overall benefits traveling along the mainline.</p>